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ORDINANCE NO. 188739

An ordinance amending Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to correct technical and clerical errors in Ordinance No. 187719, which adopted portions of the 2022 California Building Standards Code and made local administrative, climactic, geological, topographical and environmental changes as specified.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 187719 was approved by the Los Angeles City Council and became effective on December 23, 2022 (Council File No. 22-1226);

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 187719 contains technical and clerical errors and omissions that need to be corrected;

WHEREAS, certain provisions of Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code include erroneous references to other provisions of the Los Angeles Municipal Code or California Building Standards Code, and such erroneous references should be corrected; and

WHEREAS, in support of the following further modifications and changes, the City Council hereby expressly finds that the following amendments and modifications to the Los Angeles Municipal Code are reasonably necessary due to local administrative, climatic, geological, environmental, and topographical conditions.

NOW THEREFORE,

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Subsection 91.1206.6 of Section 91.1206, Division 12, Article 1, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

91.1206.6. Relevant Standards. The current edition of the following standards is generally applicable for determining compliance with this section and copies may be obtained from the ASTM International: ASTM C 634, Standard Terminology Relating to Building and Environmental Acoustics; ASTM E 90, Standard Test Method for Laboratory Measurement of Airborne Sound Transmission Loss of Building Partitions and Elements; ASTM E 336, Standard Test Method for Measurement of Airborne Sound Attenuation Between Rooms in Buildings; ASTM E 413, Classification for Rating Sound Insulation; ASTM E 492, Standard Test Method for Laboratory Measurement of Impact Sound Transmission Through Floor-Ceiling Assemblies Using the Tapping Machine; ASTM E 497, Standard Recommended Practice for Installation of Fixed Partitions of Light Frame Type for the Purpose of Conserving Their Sound Insulation Efficiency; ASTM E 597, Recommended Practice for Determining a Single-Number Rating of Airborne Sound Isolation in Multi-unit Building Specifications; ASTM E 966, Standard Guide for Field Measurements of Airborne Sound Insulation of Building Facades and

Facade Elements; ASTM E 989, Standard Classification for Determination of Impact Insulation Class (IIC); ASTM E 1007, Standard Test Method for Field Measurement of Tapping Machine Impact Sound Transmission Through Floor-Ceiling Assemblies and Associated Support Structures; and ASTM E 1014, Standard Guide for Measurement of Outdoor A-Weighted Sound Levels.

Sec. 2. The first paragraph of Section 91.1704, Division 17, Article 1, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 1704 of the CBC is adopted by reference, except that CBC Sections 1704.2, 1704.2.1, 1704.2.3, 1704.2.4, 1704.2.5, 1704.2.5.1, 1704.2.5.2, 1704.6, and 1704.6.1 are not adopted; and, in lieu, LAMC Subsections 91.1704.1.1, 91.1704.1.2, 91.1704.1.3, 91.1704.1.4, 91.1704.1.5, 91.1704.1.6, 91.1704.1.7, 91.1704.2, 91.1704.2.1, 91.1704.2.1.1, 91.1704.2.1.2, 91.1704.2.1.3, 91.1704.2.3, 91.1704.2.4, 91.1704.2.5, 91.1704.2.5.1, 91.1704.6, and 91.1704.6.1 are added or amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3. The first paragraph of Section 91.1705, Division 17, Article 1, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1705 of the CBC is adopted by reference, except CBC Sections 1705.3, 1705.3.2, 1705.6, 1705.7, 1705.8, 1705.12.1, 1705.12.1.1, 1705.13.1, 1705.13.4, 1705.16.2, and 1705.17 are not adopted; and, in lieu, LAMC Subsections 91.1705.1.2, 91.1705.1.3, 91.1705.1.4, 91.1705.1.5, 91.1705.1.6, 91.1705.1.7, 91.1705.1.8, 91.1705.1.9, 91.1705.1.10, 91.1705.1.11, 91.1705.1.12, 91.1705.1.13, 91.1705.1.13.1, 91.1705.2.4, 91.1705.3, 91.1705.3.1.1, 91.1705.3.2, 91.1705.6, 91.1705.6.2, 91.1705.7, 91.1705.8, 91.1705.13.1, 91.1705.13.1.1.1, 91.1705.14.1, 91.1705.18.2, and 91.1705.19 are added.

Sec. 4. The first sentence of Subsection 91.1705.3 of Section 91.1705, Division 17, Article 1, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

91.1705.3. Concrete Construction. Special inspections and tests of concrete construction shall be performed in accordance with this section and CBC Table 1705.3.

Sec. 5. The first paragraph of Section 91.1900, Division 19, Article 1, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Chapter 19 of the CBC is adopted by reference, except that CBC Sections 1905.1, 1905.1.7, and 1906.1 are not adopted; and, in lieu, LAMC Subsections 91.1905.1, 91.1905.1.7, 91.1905.1.9, 91.1905.1.10, 91.1905.1.11, 91.1905.1.12, 91.1906, and 91.1906.1 are added.

Sec. 6. Subsection 91.1905.1.10 of Section 91.1905, Division 19, Article 1, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

91.1905.1.10. ACI 318, Section 18.7.5. Modify ACI 318, Section 18.7.5, by adding Section 18.7.5.9 to read as follows:

18.7.5.9 - At any section where the design strength, ΦP_n , of the column is less than the sum of the shears V_e computed in accordance with ACI 318 Sections 18.6.5.1 and 18.7.6.1.1 for all the beams framing into the column above the level under consideration, transverse reinforcement as specified in ACI 318 Sections 18.7.5.1 through 18.7.5.3 shall be provided. For beams framing into opposite sides of the column, the moment components may be assumed to be of opposite sign. For determination of the design strength, ΦP_n , of the column, these moments may be assumed to result from the deformation of the frame in any one principal axis.

Sec. 7. Subsection 91.2304.9.1 of Section 91.2304, Division 23, Article 1, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is deleted in its entirety.

Sec. 8. Subsection 91.6205.1 of Section 91.6205, Division 62, Article 1, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

91.6205.1. General Requirements. Signs shall be designed and constructed to comply with the provisions of this Code for use of materials, loads and stresses. Glass panels used in signs shall comply with the size, thickness and type of glass as shown in Table H115.1(1) of the CBC. The use, location, size, area, and height of the sign shall comply with the provisions of this Code and Chapter I of the LAMC, whichever is more restrictive.

Sec. 9. Subsection 91.7014.3 of Section 91.7014, Division 70, Article 1, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

91.7014.3. Flood and Mudflow Protection. Flood and mudflow protection shall be provided for all new buildings, additions to buildings, and substantial improvements to buildings, which are located on sites determined by the Department to be subject to those conditions, in accordance with Ordinance No. 186,952.

The recommendations for mudflow protection shall be contained in a site investigation report made by persons qualified and licensed in civil engineering, engineering geology and/or soils engineering to ascertain the location, magnitude, and extent of potential mudflow hazards and to recommend measures for protection or the elimination of those hazards. The use of the minimum design parameters specified in this Code shall be justified in the report.

Minimum design parameters to be used for mud/debris flow control systems within and at the base of concentrated drainage areas are:

1. A channel flow capacity of 10 cubic feet per second (0.28 m³/s) per acre (ha) of tributary drainage area; or
2. A temporary storage capacity of 400 cubic yards (306 m³) per acre (ha) of tributary drainage area.

Sec. 10. Subsection 91.8605.2 of Section 91.8605, Division 86, Article 1, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

91.8605.2. General. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Code to the contrary, the following requirements shall apply to emergency homeless shelters operated during a shelter crisis, as provided for in Government Code Section 8698, et seq. Other than the requirements set forth below, the facilities need not comply with the requirements of this Code for Group R occupancies unless otherwise specified in this Code:

1. The maximum occupant load allowed in these facilities shall be the number determined appropriate by the professional service provider operating the facility and be computed at a rate of 70 square feet for the first occupant and 50 square feet for each occupant thereafter. The Superintendent of Building, with concurrence with the Fire Department, may grant an increase of occupant load provided that an aisle, seating, furniture, and fixed equipment diagram, substantiating the increase in occupant load, be submitted and approved pursuant to Section 91.8605.3 of this Code. Such diagram shall be posted on site for each level where occupant load increase is granted.

2. **Fire Safety Requirements.**

- A. All exits shall comply with Article 7, Chapter V of the LAMC.
- B. Smoke detection devices shall be provided in all sleeping areas and shall be installed in accordance with Article 7, Chapter V of the LAMC and CBC Section 907.2.10.
- C. A fire alarm system capable of arousing occupants shall be installed in accordance with Article 7, Chapter V of the LAMC and CBC Section 907.2.8.
- D. The use of any open flame and the possession or storage of any combustibles shall not be permitted.

EXCEPTION: The Superintendent of Building may approve the use of open flame and storage of combustibles in these buildings with the concurrence of the Fire Department.

E. Sleeping quarters shall be limited to the ground floor only.

F. Automatic fire sprinklers shall be provided for new and existing buildings or structures as required per Article 7 of Chapter V of the LAMC and CBC Section 903.

G. New shelter buildings or structures shall be located in accordance with the requirements of Table 602 of the CBC, based on the fire-resistance rating of the exterior walls for the proposed type of construction.

H. Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided per Article 7, Chapter V of the LAMC and Title 19 of the California Code of Regulations.

I. Tents and membrane structures shall comply with LAMC Sections 57.3101 through 57.3104, and California Code of Regulations, Title 19, Division 1, Chapter 2, Sections 303, 310, 312, 315, 316, 317, 319, 320, 321, 324, 325, 326, 332, 334, 335, 340, and 341. Tents and membrane structures shall be limited to one level located at the level of a Fire Department vehicle access road or lane.

J. All interior finishes shall comply with LAMC Sections 57.803 and 57.804.

K. Fire Department access to building and premises identification shall be in compliance with LAMC Sections 57.503, 57.504, and 57.505.

3. Light, Heating, Ventilation and Sanitation.

A. Exterior openings for natural light and ventilation shall be provided as required for Group R occupancy, CBC Sections 1203 and 1205; exterior openings or artificial lighting shall be provided per CBC Section 1205.3; and exterior openings or mechanical ventilation shall be provided per the California Mechanical Code.

B. All sleeping areas shall be provided with heating facilities capable of maintaining a room temperature of 70°F at a point 8 feet above the floor.

C. Every building shall be provided with at least one water closet and one bathing facility for every 15 occupants of each sex.

Bathing facilities shall be provided with heating equipment that shall be capable of maintaining a temperature of 70°F within such facilities. Lavatories shall be provided and maintained in or adjacent to the toilet facilities.

D. Kitchen facilities, where provided, shall comply with applicable sections of Chapter IX of the LAMC and CBC Section 1208. Where kitchen or cooking facilities are not provided, all food shall be catered or delivered on site.

E. All garbage, kitchen waste, and rubbish shall be deposited in approved covered receptacles, which shall be emptied when filled and the contents shall be disposed of in a sanitary manner.

4. Structural Requirements.

A. The structural design for the shelter shall comply with the provisions of this Code unless determined otherwise by the Superintendent of Building pursuant to LAMC Section 91.8605.3. All structural design documents, where deemed necessary, shall be prepared and stamped by a licensed engineer or architect registered in the State of California.

B. Shelters shall not be located in existing substandard buildings that are not in compliance with mandatory earthquake hazard reduction requirements and deadlines set forth in the following Divisions of Article 1 of Chapter IX of the LAMC:

- Division 88 - Unreinforced masonry (URM) buildings,
- Division 93 - Wood-frame with soft, weak or open-front walls, and
- Division 95 - Non-ductile concrete buildings.

5. Additional Requirements.

A. Operating procedures including a security plan and service requirements shall be developed by the professional service provider and shown to be consistent with the standards imposed by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) service agreements. These procedures shall be designed to maintain order and safety within the Emergency Homeless Shelter.

B. Emergency homeless shelters required to be accessible must be in compliance with Title 24 of the CBC, Chapters 11A and 11B and federal standards for accessibility, whichever is more stringent and/or the US Access Board Final Guidelines for Emergency Transportable Housing.

Sec. 11. Subsection 91.2.502.5 of Section 91.2.500, Division 5, Article 1.2, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

91.2.502.5. Existing Structural Elements Carrying Lateral Load. Where the addition is structurally independent of the existing structure, existing lateral load-carrying structural elements shall be permitted to remain unaltered. Where the addition is not structurally independent of the existing structure, the existing structure and its addition acting together as a single structure shall be shown to meet the requirements of Sections 1609 and 1613 of the California Building Code using full seismic forces. For purposes of CEBC Section 502, compliance with ASCE 41, using a Tier 3 procedure and the two-level performance objective in CEBC Table 304.3.1 for the applicable risk category, shall be deemed to meet the requirements of CBC Section 1613, with procedures established by the Department.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Except for Unreinforced Masonry (URM) Buildings:

Any existing lateral load-carrying structural element whose demand-capacity ratio with the addition considered is no more than 10% greater than its demand-capacity ratio with the addition ignored shall be permitted to remain unaltered. For purposes of calculating demand-capacity ratios, the demand shall consider applicable load combinations with design lateral loads or forces in accordance with CBC Sections 1609 and 1613. For purposes of this exception, comparisons of demand-capacity ratios and calculations of design lateral loads, forces and capacities shall account for the cumulative effects of additions and alterations since original construction.

This exception shall not apply if the addition creates a structural irregularity as defined in ASCE 7 or makes an existing structural irregularity more severe.

2. Unreinforced Masonry (URM) Buildings:

Any existing lateral load-carrying structural element on an unreinforced masonry building whose demand-capacity ratio with the addition considered is less than 10% greater than its demand-capacity ratio with the addition ignored shall comply with CEBC Appendix Chapter A1. When the demand-capacity ratio with the addition considered is 10% or greater than its demand-capacity ratio with the addition ignored, the addition shall be designed in accordance with Division 16, Article 1, Chapter IX of the LAMC (Chapter 16 of the Building Code).

3. Buildings of Group R occupancy with not more than five dwelling or sleeping units used solely for residential purposes where the existing building and the addition together comply with the conventional light-frame construction

methods of the California Building Code or the provisions of the California Residential Code.

Sec. 12. Subsection 91.2.503.4 of Section 91.2.500, Division 5, Article 1.2 Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

91.2.503.4. Existing Structural Elements Carrying Lateral Load. Except as permitted by CEBC Section 503.13, where the alteration increases design lateral loads in accordance with CBC Sections 1609 or 1613, or where the alteration results in a prohibited structural irregularity as defined in ASCE 7, or where the alteration decreases the capacity of any existing lateral load-carrying structural element, the structure of the altered building or structure shall be shown to meet the requirements of CBC Sections 1609 and 1613. Reduced seismic loads shall be permitted providing the reduced seismic load is not less than the original building permitted seismic loads. For purposes of CEBC Section 503, compliance with ASCE 41, using the performance objective in CEBC Table 304.3.1 for the applicable risk category, shall be deemed to meet the requirements of CBC Section 1613. Also, for purposes of CEBC Section 503, compliance with ASCE 41, using the performance objective in CEBC Table 304.3.2 for the applicable risk category, shall be deemed to meet the requirements of reduced seismic loads, with procedures established by the Department.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Except for Unreinforced Masonry Buildings (URM):

Any existing lateral load-carrying structural element whose demand-capacity ratio with the alteration considered is no more than 10% greater than its demand-capacity ratio with the alteration ignored shall be permitted to remain unaltered. For purposes of calculating demand-capacity ratios, the demand shall consider applicable load combinations with design lateral loads or forces in accordance with CBC Sections 1609 and 1613. Reduced seismic forces shall be permitted. For purposes of this exception, comparisons of demand-capacity ratios and calculations of design lateral loads, forces and capacities shall account for the cumulative effects of additions and alterations since original construction.

This exception shall not apply if the alteration creates structural irregularity as defined in ASCE 7 or makes an existing structural irregularity more severe.

2. Unreinforced Masonry (URM) Buildings:

Any existing lateral load-carrying structural element on an URM building whose demand-capacity ratio with the alteration considered is less than 10% greater than its demand-capacity ratio with the alteration ignored shall comply with CEBC Appendix Chapter A1. When the

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demand-capacity ratio with the alteration considered is 10% or greater than its demand-capacity ratio with the alteration ignored, the entire building shall be designed in accordance with Division 16, Article 1, Chapter IX of the LAMC (Chapter 16 of the Building Code.). Reduced seismic loads shall be permitted.

A structural analysis per CEBC Appendix Chapter A1 is required for any alterations to crosswalls or diaphragms.

3. Buildings in which the increase in the demand-capacity ratio is due entirely to the addition of roof-top-supported mechanical equipment individually having an operating weight less than 400 pounds (181.4 kg) and where the total additional weight of all rooftop equipment placed after initial construction of the building is less than 10 percent of the roof dead load. For purposes of this exception, roof shall mean the roof level above a particular story.

Sec. 13. Subsection 91.2.506.5.3 of Section 91.2.500, Division 5, Article 1.2, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

91.2.506.5.3. Seismic Loads (seismic force-resisting system). Where a change of occupancy results in a building being assigned to a higher risk category, or where the change is from a Group S or U occupancy to an occupancy other than Group S or Group U, the building shall satisfy the requirements of Section 1613 of the California Building Code for the new risk category using full seismic forces. For purposes of this section, compliance with ASCE 41, using a Tier 3 procedure and the two-level performance objective in CEBC Table 304.3.1 for the applicable risk category, shall be deemed to meet the requirements of CBC Section 1613, with procedures established by the Department.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Where the area of the new occupancy is less than 10% of the building area, the occupancy is not changing from a Group S or Group U, and the new occupancy is not assigned to Risk Category IV, compliance with this Section is not required. The cumulative effect of occupancy changes over time shall be considered.

2. When a change of use results in a structure being reclassified from Risk Category I or II to Risk Category III and the structure is located where the seismic coefficient, SDS, is less than 0.33, compliance with the seismic requirements of CBC Section 1613 is not required.

3. Unreinforced masonry bearing wall buildings assigned to Risk Category III and to Seismic Design Category A or B shall be permitted to use Appendix Chapter A1 of this Code.

4. Where the change is from a Group S or Group U occupancy and there is no change of risk category, use of reduced seismic forces shall be permitted.

For a change of occupancy of an existing commercial or industrial building to residential use, all existing buildings shall be analyzed for 75% of the design earthquake ground motion, as defined in CBC Section 1613, but in no event shall there be a reduction in the capacity of the seismic force resisting system where that system provides a greater level of protection than the minimum requirements established by this Code.

For an existing URM building, structural analysis per CBC Chapter 16 is required if the risk category is changed to III or IV. Structural analysis per CEBC Appendix A1 is required if the rating classification per LABC Division 88, Table 88-A is changed to I or II.

For URM buildings with an approved occupant load greater than 100, the occupant load may be increased by a maximum of 10% without changing the rating class or risk category.

The most restrictive requirement of CEBC Sections 502 (Addition), 503 (Alteration), 405 (Repair) and 506 (Change of Occupancy) shall apply.

Sec. 14. Section 91.5.100 of Division 1, Article 1.5, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 91.5.100. BASIC PROVISIONS.

The Los Angeles Residential Code adopts by reference portions of the California Residential Code (CRC). Chapter 1 of the CRC is not adopted and in lieu thereof Division 1, Article 1, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is hereby adopted by reference with the following amendments. Appendix AS of the CRC is not adopted.

Sec. 15. Subsection (b) of Section 93.0203, Division 2, Article 3, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

(b) Neither the issuance of a permit nor the approval by this Department of any document shall constitute an approval of any violation of any provision of this Code, California Energy Code, or of any other law or ordinance, and a permit or other document purporting to give authority to violate any law shall not be valid with respect thereto.

Sec. 16. Section 93.0204 of Division 2, Article 3, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

SEC. 93.0204. PERMIT APPLICATIONS.

(a) To obtain a permit, the applicant shall file an application on forms furnished by the Department. The application shall contain all information necessary to the lawful enforcement of the provisions of this Code and the California Energy Code.

(b) The application shall be accompanied by approved plans and specifications or a suitable diagram when and as required by LAMC Section 93.0206.

(c) When the Department determines that the information on the application and plans is in conformance with this Code and the California Energy Code, the Department shall issue a permit upon receipt of the total fees.

(d) Nothing contained in this Code shall be construed to require the Department to immediately accept or reject any application, whenever it is necessary to investigate the proposed wiring and premises as to its compliance with this Code, or it is necessary to check plans and specifications accompanying the application.

Sec. 17. Section 93.0206 of Division 2, Article 3, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

SEC. 93.0206. PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS.

(a) Plans and specifications required by the provisions of Subsection (b) of this section shall be prepared by and bear the signature and registration number of an appropriate State of California Civil Engineer, Structural Engineer, Geotechnical Engineer (when the work is supplementary to Civil Engineering work), Electrical Engineer or Licensed Architect.

EXCEPTION: Plans and specifications required for Subdivisions 1, 2, and 4 through 9 of Subsection (b) of this section may be prepared and signed by a person holding a state license as a contractor who will perform the work. The work must be within the classification for which the license is issued.

(b) Plans and specifications for all wiring intended to be installed on the premises shall be submitted to and approved by the Department before a permit is issued and before installing any wiring related to the following:

1. Theaters or motion picture theaters;
2. Places of assembly;
3. All health care facilities within the scope of CEC Article 517;

4. A new building or an addition to a building if the computed area exceeds 30,000 square feet ($2,787 \text{ m}^2$), any first-time tenant(s), any installation if the new total connected load exceeds 400 amperes, or the installation of equipment rated 600 amperes or more. The computed area shall be the sum of the areas on each floor bounded by the outside surfaces of the exterior walls and shall include floor areas beneath building projections that extend more than 6 feet (182.8 mm);

5. All electrical installations over 600 volts;

6. Installation in locations classified as hazardous locations, unless otherwise satisfactory to the Department;

7. Projects which include the installation of exit signs, egress lighting, or security lighting;

8. Installation of a complicated electrical system as determined by the Department, such as Emergency, Legally Required Standby, Fire Alarm and Signaling, and Gas Detection Systems, except for the following:

(i) The addition of strobe power supplies and their attached devices connected to any existing fire control unit or panel. (Note: This exception does not apply for a first-time tenant);

(ii) The installation of special extinguishing, central station monitoring systems, dialers, and their attached devices;

(iii) The addition of any fire alarm and signaling devices connected to an existing addressable fire alarm and signaling system. (Note: this exception does not apply for a first-time tenant);

9. Installation of lighting fixtures weighing more than 300 pounds;

10. Installation of renewable energy system(s) (i.e., photovoltaic, wind, fuel cell, etc.);

EXCEPTION: Department approved online permitted Standard plans.

11. Installation of Energy Storage System(s) (ESS); and

EXCEPTION: Department approved online permitted Standard plans.

12. Engineering calculation(s) and analysis.

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(c) The applicant shall submit two sets of plans and specifications to the Department for approval. The applicant shall keep one set of approved plans on the job site, and shall make the plans available to the authorized representative of the Department upon request.

(d) When the plans or specifications do not comply with all provisions of this Code, the necessary changes or revisions shall be made thereto by the person specified in Subsection (a) of this section or by the person's duly authorized agent.

(e) Every plan shall be a print or other type of plan approved by the Department. The information contained on a plan shall be clearly legible and specifically indicated, and shall comply with LAMC Section 93.0207. No plan for electrical wiring in a building shall be of a scale smaller than 1/8 inch (3.2 mm) per foot (304.8 mm) unless a smaller scale is approved by the Department. Symbols satisfactory to the Department shall be used on all plans.

(f) Specifications, legibly and definitely stated, shall be included either on the plan or on separate sheets.

(g) The approval of any plan or specification shall not be construed to sanction any violation of this Code.

(h) No person shall materially deviate from any approved plan, or fail, neglect or refuse to comply therewith, unless permission to do so has first been obtained from the Department.

(i) A Plan Check may be expired within the time limit specified in LAMC Section 98.0603.

Sec. 18. Subdivision 4 of Subsection 94.101.5.6, Section 94.101, Division 1, Article 4, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

4. Potable water piping with any of the following:
 - a. Systems requiring a 2-inch (50.80 mm) or larger supply;
 - b. Systems designed from the procedure in CPC Section 610.5;
 - c. Systems utilizing cross-linked polyethylene tubing (PEX) requiring a 2-inch (50.80 mm) or larger supply or when required by the conditions of approval of the City of Los Angeles Mechanical Testing Laboratory Research Report; and

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d. Systems utilizing CPVC piping requiring a 2-inch (50.88 mm) or larger supply or when required by the conditions of approval of the City of Los Angeles Mechanical Testing Laboratory Research Report.

EXCEPTION: Plan Check is not required for existing systems that are added to or altered, with branch lines that serve fewer than 20 fixture units and are sized by CPC Table 610.4.

Sec. 19. The first paragraph of Section 94.1100.0 of Division 11, Article 4, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Chapter 11 of the CPC is adopted by reference with the following exceptions: CPC Sections 1101.12.2.2, 1101.12.2.2.2, and 1101.14 are not adopted and, in lieu, LAMC Subsections 94.1101.12.2.2, and 94.1101.14 are added.

Sec. 20. Subsection (a) of Section 98.0501, Division 5, Article 8, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 98.0501. ALTERNATE MATERIALS, DEVICES AND METHODS OF CONSTRUCTION.

(a) **General Approvals.** The provisions of this Code are not intended to prevent the use of any material, system, device, or method of construction not specifically prescribed by this Code, provided any such alternative has been approved and its use authorized by the Department.

When certification or listing is required by this Code for any material, system, device, or method of construction, the certification or listing shall be by a certification body that has been accredited by a US or Canada based accreditation body that is signatory to the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) with ISO/IEC 17065 in its Level 3 scope and that accredits bodies certifying building materials and products. Testing of products, materials, systems or devices for the purpose of product approval shall be performed by testing laboratories meeting the applicable requirements of ISO/IEC 17025. The Department shall develop a process for accepting testing laboratories and certification bodies to ensure legitimacy and protect against conflict of interest, and such a process shall be published and made available on the Department's website.

The Department shall have the authority to grant approval for any product or method of construction, provided that sufficient evidence has been provided to the Department to demonstrate adequacy of the prescribed device, material or method of construction with the Code in terms of quality, fire resistance, strength, effectiveness, durability and safety. In granting of such approval, the Department at its own discretion, may do so in the form of a one-time approval. The Department shall develop a process for one-time approval, and such a process shall be published and made available on the Department's website.

The Department shall use Division 35, Article 1, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code in evaluating products, materials, systems, or devices for approval where such standard exists for the product or the material and may use other approved standards which apply.

The Department determination on a one-time approval may be appealed to the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners under the applicable provisions of this article.

Sec. 21. Subsection 99.04.106.4.2.2.1.1 of Section 99.04.106, Division 4, Article 9, Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

99.04.106.4.2.2.1.1. Location. EVCS shall comply with at least one of the following options:

1. The charging space shall be located adjacent to an accessible parking space meeting the requirements of the California Building Code, Chapter 11A, to allow use of the EV charger from the accessible parking space.
2. The charging space shall be located on an accessible route, as defined in the California Building Code, Chapter 2, to the building.

EXCEPTION: Electric vehicle charging stations designed and constructed in compliance with the California Building Code, Chapter 11B, are not required to comply with LAMC Subsections 99.04.106.4.2.2.1.1, and 99.04.106.4.2.2.1.2, Item 3.

Sec. 22. **SEVERABILITY.** If any portion, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such a decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each portion or subsection, sentence, clause and phrase herein, irrespective of the fact that any one or more portions, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

Sec. 23. **URGENCY CLAUSE.** The City finds and declares that this ordinance is required for the immediate protection of the public peace, health, and safety for the following reasons: The regulations contained in this ordinance are necessary to safeguard life, limb, health, property and public welfare of persons within the City by regulating and controlling the design, construction, quality of materials, use and occupancy, location and maintenance of all buildings and structures erected or to be erected; by regulating certain grading operations; by regulating elevator maintenance and installations; by regulating electrical installations and plumbing systems; by regulating the design, construction, installation, alteration, repair, quality of materials,

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location, operation and maintenance of heating, ventilating, air-conditioning and refrigeration equipment and other miscellaneous heat-producing appliances installed in the City; and by identifying mandatory and voluntary green building measures. These regulations will protect residents and visitors of the City of Los Angeles by bringing the City's building standards in line with the State of California's Building Standards Code (California Code of Regulations Title 24) that took effect on January 1, 2023. Without the building standards contained in this ordinance, regulated structures, systems and building activity may present an immediate threat to the health and safety of all persons in the City. In order to address this threat, the regulations contained in this ordinance must take effect immediately. For all of these reasons, this ordinance shall become effective upon publication pursuant to Section 253 of the Los Angeles City Charter.

Sec. 24. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

By 
CHARLES D. SEWELL
Deputy City Attorney

Date July 29, 2025

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles, **by a vote of not less than three-fourths** of all its members.

CITY CLERK



MAYOR



Ordinance Passed September 9, 2025

Approved 09/19/2025

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